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## City Paragraphs.

Lillian H. Thompson is charge of the check room of the National Hotel.

Mr. Charles Steward is now a student at Tat's Dental College, Boston Mass.

Miss Lillian V. Jenkins of 1127 3rd street, northwest, has been suffering with neuralgia.

Rev. R. E. Hart preached a special sermon Sunday evening to the "Order of Tents" at the Israel C. M. E. church.

Dr. D. A. Ferguson, a graduate of the Dental Department of Howard University, has located in Richmond, Va.

Mr. Louise Foster Washington, of Charlottesville, Va., is spending a few weeks with Mrs. L. C. Carroll of 348 Pennsylvania ave.

Miss Berthenia Davis, formerly living at 1413 Pierce Place, is filling a position in the Amanda Smith Industrial Orphan Home at Chicago.

Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Lucey have moved from 457 N street to a more commodious residence at 1127 Third street, northwest. Dr. Lucey is very successfully conducting a catarrh treatment with a patent inhaler.

"British rights in the Transvaal" will be debated before the Men's Guild of St. Luke's P. E. church next Thursday evening, under the direction of President F. L. Cardozo.

The advance copy of the Consular Reports, issued a few days ago, contains valuable as well as interesting reports on South American countries. The report was made by Hon. J. N. Ruffin, our consul at Asuncion.

There was a poor show at the New Grand this week, and the performers are playing nightly to empty benches. This is a marked contrast to the crowds which surged in when a first-class entertainment was presented by the best Negro artists in the business.

Manager Chase didn't have courage enough to admit on the witness stand that he prepared the interview for the Sunday Post, admitting and attempting to justify his policy of color discrimination. The prejudiced man is invariably a weak man.

The regular monthly meeting of the District Afro-American Council will be held Monday evening, December 4, at 8 o'clock at the Conservatory of Music corner 12th and R streets, northwest. Everybody invited. Some interesting questions will be discussed.

The question of fees due the office of Recorder of Deeds by the District has been adjusted to the satisfaction of Recorder Cleatham. The Recorder has written a letter to the Commissioners expressing his thanks that the long pending matter has at last been finally disposed of.

The Crummell Memorial Rectory is now a reality. The deed of conveyance was made November 1st, and Recorder O. M. Waller and family are nicely located therein. The house contains eleven rooms and has all modern improvements. The purchase price was \$4,750.

Rumor says in the near future one of the attaches of the U. S. Supreme Court known as the "Bachelor" will lead to the altar one of Washington's fairest belles who is noted for her grace, refinement and intelligence. "All things come to those who wait." Congratulations are in order on both sides.

The "Woovers" will hold their annual reception December 27, at Odd Fellows' Hall. Guests from all over the country will partake of the club's hospitality, and the committee says the entertainment will be the very best ever given by them. M. S. Koonce is president of the "Woovers," F. W. Hedge, secretary, and J. L. Johnson, treasurer.

Miss Cora McGwin of this city, who is engaged in New York as a massage nurse, has been suffering with an attack of malaria for three weeks. On last week she spent in New Bedford, New Haven and Bridgeport, Conn. She had a very pleasant trip and feels much improved. She was able to return to her duties Tuesday.

Mr. Samuel A. Brown, a well-known Washington boy, is now a prominent member of the 9th Cavalry band, stationed at Fort Grant, Arizona Territory. He plays the clarinet with the skill of a veteran. Another Washington boy, Mr. Maurice E. Green, is also a member of the band, and is a flat cornet soloist. Both young men are highly regarded by our local musicians, Prof. Hoffman and others.

The "Old Folks' Concert" a few days ago at Walker Memorial Baptist church, Madison street, was quite a success, and was enjoyed by a

large audience. Many solos and recitations were given by capable artists, prominent among them being Mr. Charles W. Williams' impersonation of "Uncle Ezekiel," telling in the dialect of the plantation the story of "Dat Wa'er-million." The church netted a comfortable sum.

And the Second Baptist fair goes merrily on. New attractions every night. The Japanese booth operated for the Lyceum, by Miss Lillian V. Green, and the Post Office conducted by Misses Vera L. Baker and Lillie V. Jenkins are popular features. Miss Fannie Bell one of the church's staunchest workers and skilled fair managers, has general supervision of the department and is largely responsible for the success that is being achieved.

## "THE BRIGHT SIDE."

Mrs. Mary Church Terrell's Optimistic Presentation Before the Second Baptist Church Lyceum.

A large and appreciative audience that occupied every available seat and crowded the aisles, greeted Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, president of the National Association of Colored Women, at the Lyceum of the Second Baptist church Sunday afternoon, the 19th inst., when she delivered an address on the "The Bright Side of the Race Problem in America." Mrs. Terrell said that eddies are often found in the current of the race progress in the United States, which, to inexperienced eyes appeared to make the stream flow in a contrary direction and tended to



MARY CHURCH TERRELL.

make pessimism fashionable, but if the course of events was followed long enough it would be found that the colored people had made steady progress since the day of emancipation.

She asked for the largest opportunity for every boy and girl, and wanted the sphere of each circumscribed only by his ability. She would have all of the avenues of useful activity open to every boy and girl, regardless of race or color, and she would encourage all to struggle for the mastery. According to her view of the situation there is no place for pessimism, and nobody need be alarmed as to the future of the Negro in this country. She deplored the tendency on the part of some to place too low a value on the higher education, and she maintained that there was not, and could not be, any conflict or rivalry between industrial and higher education. The address concluded with a comprehensive and encouraging review of the work of the National Association of Colored Women. Mrs. Terrell spoke fifty minutes and held her audience in rapt admiration until the last word was uttered. She never appeared on the rostrum to better advantage.

Mrs. Terrell's speech was discussed in complimentary vein by Mr. R. W. Thompson, managing editor of The Colored American; Lieut. R. E. Toomey, Mrs. R. E. Lawson, Maj. Charles H. Douglas, Miss Frances Riley, and Mr. T. H. McKinney. Solos were rendered by Miss Georgia Makall, Frances James, and Mrs. W. C. Payne, of West Washington. By unanimous vote of the Lyceum it was decided to have Mrs. Terrell's paper printed in pamphlet for circulation. Prof. Jesse Lawson presided and introduced the speaker in a liberally applauded address, and Miss Hattie Drew served as secretary.

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